

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Below Average

**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Below Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 97.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent.

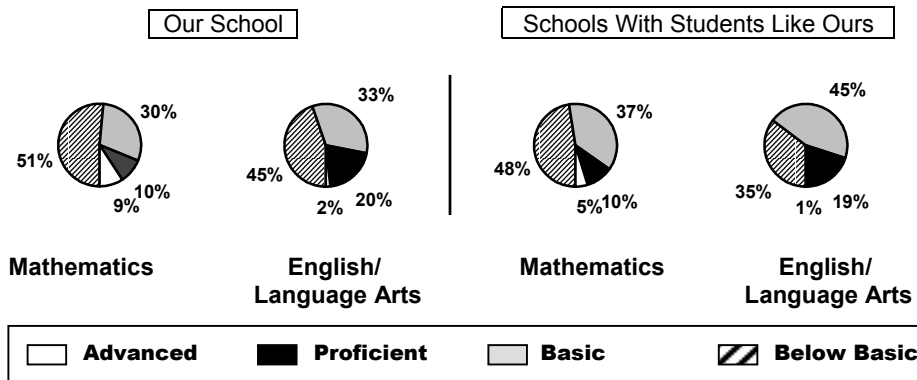
For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

## RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

## PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



## DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>All students (n=798)</b>	55.1	48.5	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=69)	18.8	10.3		
Students without disabilities (n=729)	58.6	52.1		
<b>Gender</b>				
Male (n=429)	50.1	45.3		
Female (n=369)	61	52.3		
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African American (n=562)	49.8	43.1		
Hispanic (n=1)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=207)	71.5	63.8		
Other (n=28)	N/A	N/A		
<b>Lunch Status Group</b>				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=685)	50.5	44		
Pay for lunch (n=113)	83.2	76.1		

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$3,766	N/A	\$5,808	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	86.7%	Down from 87.8%	89.5%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.2 to 1	N/A	17.2 to 1	18.7 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=870)</b>				
• Attendance Rate	93.3%	Down from 95.7%	96.2%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	3.5%	N/A	6.8%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	3.3%	N/A	5%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	N/A	N/A	98%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	1.5%	No change	5.7%	3.6%
<b>TEACHERS (n=50)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.1 Days	Up from 7.4	7.5 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	94.3%	Up from 93.4%	94.8%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	38%	Up from 34%	44%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	86%	Up from 84%	78.9%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	4%	No change	3.1%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	87%	Down from 87.8%	82.1%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$36,001	Up 4.6%	\$36,493	\$37,520

## SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	72.9%	N/A	64.6%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	3	N/A	3	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	85.6%	N/A	86.3%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	59.4%	43.1%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	3.2%	Up from 2.3%	2%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	2	N/A	2	1
• Gifted and talented	6.3%	Down from 7%	6.1%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	10.1%	Down from 10.4%	8.7%	8.4%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The faculty, staff, and students of Gordon Elementary School have had a good school year. The performance of our students is to be commended. We have celebrated numerous accomplishments. Among our accomplishments are the following: Kelsey Dudley won the Dillon County Spelling Bee and went on to represent us at the State Spelling Bee in Columbia, S C. Alyssa Richardson was the 5th grade recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Writing Award.

This was a very productive year for our teachers, as well. We renewed our 5-year accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Gordon Elementary was also recognized statewide and nationally for 25 years of accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Our teachers attended professional development conferences and, as a result, served on several district committees. We are privileged to have teachers who share their knowledge by instructing classes/workshops on the district level as well as throughout the Pee Dee Area.

Karen Blake is our Teacher of the Year for Gordon. She is competing for the district honor this spring. We appreciate the dedicated work and service of our local PTO and School Improvement Council. They, too, share in our accomplishments, as well as our plans for growth and success.

Gordon Elementary is extremely proud of our Lunch Buddy Mentoring Program. Our Lunch Buddies consist of community volunteers who come and share their time with our children. We now have over 65 adults in the program, and we grow each year.

Gordon Elementary is very proud to have Dillon Yarn as our Business Partner. Because of the generous contributions Dillon Yarn has made to Gordon Elementary, the company was the recipient of the State Department of Education's Business Partner of the Year Award.

JaNovice Greene-Richardson, Principal

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	65.3	81.3	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	58.3	71.0	
Satisfied with home-school relations	20.4	88.9	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Gordon Elementary  
926 Perry Avenue  
Dillon, SC 29536

Grades 4-6 Elementary School

Enrollment: 870 Students

#### Principal

Mrs. Ja-Novice Greene-Richardson 843-774-1227

#### Superintendent

D. Ray Rogers 843-774-1200

#### Board Chair

Fitzgerald Lytch 843-774-5454

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001

School Grade:  
Below Average

#### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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